



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Prices

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Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.70 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in April 2015 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was up 10 cents per cwt. from March and is the first month-to-month price increase since last September.

The U.S. milk price for April was \$16.50 per cwt, \$1.20 lower than Wisconsin's price and 10 cents lower than the March U.S. price. Fourteen of the 23 major milk producing states had a price decrease from March to April, 6 states had an increase, and 3 states, Colorado, Michigan and Utah, were unchanged. California had the greatest decrease, down 40 cents to \$14.52 per cwt, the lowest price in the nation.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.6800 per pound on May 28, while barrels were \$1.6500 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.9025 per pound.

For the week ending May 23, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.6354 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.6713 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.9672 per pound.

Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States: April 2015 with Comparisons

[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.]

State	April 2014		March 2015		April 2015	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
California	23.41	3.66	14.92	3.70	14.52	3.66
Idaho	24.50	3.74	16.40	3.81	16.50	3.76
Michigan	25.40	3.69	16.20	3.78	16.20	3.65
Minnesota	26.60	3.88	17.10	3.89	17.40	3.83
New Mexico	23.40	3.50	15.70	3.62	15.50	3.52
New York	26.60	3.77	17.60	3.87	17.50	3.78
Pennsylvania	26.90	3.73	17.70	3.80	17.60	3.71
Texas	26.20	3.79	17.20	3.93	16.90	3.82
Wisconsin	26.20	3.76	17.60	3.81	17.70	3.76
United States	25.30	3.71	16.60	3.78	16.50	3.72